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To the American Teachers:

The attention of the American Teachers is called to the new Rules and Regulations issued by the Department of Education and published with the Compiled School Laws in April last.

It is important that every teacher should be familiar with these regulations, especially with that one relating to corporal punishment. In accordance with this regulation corporal punishment is to be inflicted only by a principal or acting-principal of a school.

The Department understands by corporal punishment any punishment of a pupil by which there is inflicted bodily pain, whether any other instrument than the hand is or is not used.

Any teacher who violates this regulation may expect to have his license immediately cancelled.

In connection with this matter it should be remembered that special teachers and teachers of English are not responsible for the discipline of the rooms in which they are giving lessons,--this responsibility resting always with the regular teacher.

Respectfully,

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Education